Central incentives to remove regional imbalances

. 5191. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHAN-DRAN:

• Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Planning Commission proposes to give incentives to States to remove regional imbalances; and

(b) the details of schemes/incentives proposed by the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) and (b) The Planning and Development of an area and allocation of funds for this purpose is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, Planning Commission helps the States in overcoming the problems of regional imbalances- through Special Area Programmes such as Hill Area Development Programme. Border Area Development Programme, etc. in addition to providing weightage for backwardness in the formula used for resource transfer which has been modified for the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Per Capita gross domestic product

5192. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE;

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise per capita domestic product ' both at constant prices and current prices since 1980 till tre current year; and

(b) the per capita GDP for the country as a whole for the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) and (b) The latest available estimates of per capita gross State Domestic Product for the years 1980-81 and onwards both at current and constant (1980-81) prices, as supplied by the respective State Directorates of Economics & Statistics, alongwith the estimates of per capita GDP for the country as a whole are given in annexure. *[See* Appendix *173*, *annexure no. 113)*

Indo-Japanese study committee meeting

5193. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM-. Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the outcome of the 24th meeting of the Indo-Japanese Study Committee held in Delhi in April, 1994;

(b) whether the 25th Meeting scheduled to be held in Tokyo was held as scheduled;

(c) who led the Indian delegation to this 25th meeting; and

(d) what was the outcome of this 25th meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) and (b) The India Japan Study Committee is a forum for discussion! between India and Japan to provide news ideas and stimulus for stren-gthening bilateral relations between the two countries in the economic, cultural, scientific and technological fields. The discussions held during the 24th and 25th IJSC meetings have led to a greater understanding! and cooperation between India and Japan.